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You'll Save Money but You Have to Build Your Own Bed

Ikea is partnering with Marriott International to open new budget hotels in Europe, Huffingtonpost.com reported Tuesday. The Swedish company said Tuesday the pair will develop about 50 hotels with up to 300 rooms each in major cities. The first is scheduled to open in Italy next year. Ikea, the world's largest furniture retailer, already owns a handful of hotels. (EXPRESS)

PSYCHOLOGY

"I knew it was due back ... I thought they would just send me a bill."

— **VALERIE GREEN,** WHEN QUESTIONED BY POLICE AFTER BEING PULLED OVER AND ARRESTED FOR NOT RETURNING AN AVIS RENTAL CAR. THE GEORGIA WOMAN AND HER HUSBAND WERE CHARGED WITH THEFT, PATCH.COM REPORTED TUESDAY.

LESS-INNOCENT EXPLANATION

There's No Black Market For This Kind of Organ

Officials at a Roman Catholic church in Pittsburgh say the mystery of a missing 200-pipe organ has been solved. Police said Monday that St. Justin's former organist, who still had a key, confessed that he removed it last week for safekeeping because he was worried it would be damaged by the cold of winter. Father Michael Stumpf said it was just a terrible mistake so the church does not plan to press charges. (AP)

The Big Picture

BUDDHIKA WEERASINGHE/GETTY IMAGES

CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION: Misao Okawa, who is recognised by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest woman, receives a birthday cake Tuesday during her 115th birthday celebrations at Kurenai Nursing Home in Osaka, Japan. A descendent of Kimono merchants, she married in 1919 and had three children, of whom a daughter and a son are still alive, and four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Dow Climbs to All-Time High

Record close signals that U.S. is healing after the recession

New York

The stock market is back.

Five and a half years after the start of a frightening drop that erased $11 trillion from stock portfolios and made investors despair of ever getting their money back, the Dow Jones industrial average has regained all the losses suffered during the Great Recession and reached a new high. The blue-chip index rose 125.95 points Tuesday and closed at 14,253.77, topping the previous record of 14,164.53 on Oct. 9, 2007, by 89.24 points.

The Dow record does not include the impact of inflation. Adjusted for that, the Dow would have to reach 15,502 to match its old record.

The last time the Dow was this high, George W. Bush still had another year as president, Apple had just sold its first iPhone, and Lehman Brothers was still in business.

But unemployment was also 4.7 percent compared to 7.9 percent today, a reminder that stock gains are no elixir for the economy.

Still, the Dow high is another sign that the nation is slowly healing after the worst recession since the 1930s. It comes as car sales are at a five-year high, home prices are rising, and U.S. companies continue to report big profits.

Good economic news Tuesday helped lift stocks. Retail sales in the 17 European countries that use the euro rose faster than expected, China's government said it would support ambitious growth targets, and a report showed U.S. service companies grew last month at their fastest pace in a year.

"It feels great," says Marty Leclerc, chief investment officer at Barrack Yard Advisors, an investment firm. In early 2009, when stocks were plummeting, "it looked like Armageddon was nigh. It's a lot more fun to be in a rising market." BERNARD CONDON (AP)

RICHARD DREW/AP

Specialist Christian Sanfillippo, right, smiles Tuesday as he works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow closed at a record high on Tuesday.

"It signals that things are getting back to normal. Unemployment is too high, economic growth too sluggish, but stocks are anticipating improvement."

—**NICOLAS COLAS**, CHIEF MARKET STRATEGIST AT CONVERGEX GROUP, A BROKERAGE

Fast Recovery

In the depths of the recession four years ago, few investors would have predicted such a fast recovery. Some feared another Great Depression. Banks were collapsing, lending was frozen, world trade was plunging, and stocks were in free fall. "People thought we were going to relive the 1930s," says Robert Buckland, chief global stock strategist at Citigroup. He calls the stock gains since "pretty remarkable." (AP)

Close Call: A recently discovered comet is closer than it's ever been to Earth, and stargazers in the Northern Hemisphere finally get to see it. Called Pan-STARRS, the comet passed within 100 million miles of Earth on Tuesday, its closest approach in its first-ever cruise through the inner solar system. The best viewing days should be next Tuesday and Wednesday, when Pan-STARRS appears next to a crescent moon at dusk in the western sky. (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

TSA to Allow Bats, Clubs, Small Knives on Planes

Passengers will be able to carry small knives, souvenir baseball bats, golf clubs and other sports equipment onto planes beginning next month under a policy change announced Tuesday by the Transportation Security Administration. (AP)

NEW YORK

FAA Probing Report of Drone Spotted Near NYC

The FBI and the Federal Aviation Administration are investigating a pilot's report that he spotted a small unmanned aircraft at New York's Kennedy Airport. The Alitalia pilot told air traffic controllers that he saw the aircraft as he approached the runway at Kennedy at 1:15 p.m. Monday. (AP)

NEW YORK

Suspect in Deadly Crash Ready to Surrender

The suspected driver who fled the scene of a grisly crash that killed a pregnant woman, her husband and ultimately the child they were expecting is meeting with an attorney Tuesday and plans to report to police. Julio Acevedo said that he was speeding away from a gunman who was trying to shoot at him Sunday when the accident happened and that he didn't know the couple had died until he saw it in newspapers. (AP)

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A Death-Odds Calculator

Simple checklist can help doctors assess patients' longevity

Chicago

Want to know your chances of dying in the next 10 years? Here are some bad signs: getting winded walking several blocks, smoking, and having trouble pushing a chair across the room.

That's according to a "mortality index" developed by researchers for people older than 50.

The researchers say their 12-item index is mostly for use by doctors. It can help them decide whether costly health screenings or medical procedures are worth the risk for patients unlikely to live 10 more years.

It's best to take the test with a doctor, who can discuss what the score means in the context of patients' own medical history.

The 'Mortality Index'

For people older than 50, the 12 items on the "mortality index" are assigned points; fewer total points means better odds. The highest, or worst, score is a 26, which suggests a 95 percent chance of dying within 10 years.

- Men automatically get 2 points. In addition to that, men and women ages 60 to 64 get 1 point; ages 70 to 74 get 3 points; and 85 or over get 7 points.
- Two points each: a cancer diagnosis, excluding minor skin cancers; lung disease limiting activity or requiring oxygen; heart failure; smoking; difficulty: bathing, walking several blocks or managing money due to memory or health
- One point each: diabetes or high blood sugar; difficulty pushing large objects, such as a heavy chair; being thin or normal weight. (AP)

The index "wasn't meant as guidance about how to alter your lifestyle," said lead author Dr. Marisa Cruz of the University of California, San Francisco.

Instead, doctors can use the results to help patients understand the pros and cons of undergoing screenings and treatments.

The findings were published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Stephan Fihn, a University of Washington professor of medicine and health quality measurement specialist with Veterans Affairs health services in Seattle, said the index seems valid and "methodologically sound."

But he said it probably would be most accurate for the oldest patients, who don't need a scientific crystal ball to figure out their days are numbered. LINDSEY TANNER (AP)

Fla. Sinkhole Now Victim's Grave

DIRK SHADD/AP

DEMOLITION WORKERS on Tuesday move the remnants of a home in Seffner, Fla., that fell into a sinkhole Thursday, taking an occupant, Jeff Bush, with it. Officials determined Saturday that it was too dangerous to retrieve Bush's body, so they demolished the home and filled the sinkhole with gravel.

Brennan Closer To Becoming CIA Director

Washington

The Senate Intelligence Committee voted Tuesday to approve John Brennan, President Barack Obama's pick to become director of the CIA, setting the nomination up for consideration by the full Senate.

The vote came after the White House agreed to provide the panel with access to the secret legal opinions written by the Justice Department that justify the use of lethal drone strikes against terror suspects, including American citizens.

Brennan is now serving as the top counterterrorism adviser in the White House. (AP)

1,360 **The number of militias** and anti-government groups operating in the U.S. in 2012, according to a new report by the Southern Poverty Law Center. In 2008 there were 149 such groups, the civil rights organization reported. (AP)

Chavez Leaves a Void in Nation

VP moves to solidify grip on Venezuela after leader's death

Caracas, Venezuela

Venezuela's vice president announced that President Hugo Chavez died on Tuesday, ending 14 years of rule by the firebrand socialist but leaving his party firmly in control of the nation.

Vice President Nicolas Maduro said Chavez died "after battling a tough illness for nearly two years."

The death apparently sets up a presidential election to replace Chavez, whose illness prevented him from taking the oath of office for the term to which he was reelected last year. Under the constitution, the head of Congress, Diosdado Cabello, would assume the interim presidency.

The announcement came just hours after Maduro announced the government had expelled two U.S. diplomats from the country.

Maduro also said "we have no doubt" that Chavez's cancer was induced by foul play by "the historical enemies of our homeland."

Chavez's inner circle has long claimed the U.S. was behind a failed 2002 attempt to overthrow him, and he has frequently played the anti-U.S. card to stir up support. Venezuela has been without a U.S. ambassador since July 2010.

Maduro is Chavez's self-anointed successor and has been taking on a larger role since the leader urged Venezuelans to choose him as president before disappearing in early December to undergo a fourth round of cancer surgery in Cuba.

Venezuela's constitution calls for snap presidential elections to be held if Chavez dies, and some analysts wondered whether Maduro's suggesting the country was under attack by U.S. subterfuge might not be an excuse to delay the election and tighten his grip on power.

FABIOLA SANCHEZ AND FRANK BAJAK (AP)

FERNANDO LLANO/AP

People in Caracas, Venezuela, react Tuesday after hearing of Hugo Chavez's death.

A Venezuelan Icon

President Hugo Chavez, 58, a former paratroop commander and fiery populist, spent more than 14 years in office. His leftist politics and grandiose style polarized Venezuelans as he outsmarted his rivals, defeating a coup attempt and winning reelection three times. He was a savvy strategist who managed to turn his nearly two-year struggle against cancer into a rallying cry, until it defeated him. (AP)

In Brief

BEIRUT

Fighting Intensifies Over Key City in Syria

Syrian jets bombed opposition-held buildings Tuesday in the strategic northern city of Raqqa, a day after rebels overran the onetime regime stronghold and captured its provincial governor. The rebels continued to battle pockets of government troops in Raqqa, struggling to crush the remaining resistance in the city of 500,000 people on the Euphrates River. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Coalition to Halt Reports On Attacks by Taliban

The U.S.-led military command in Afghanistan said Tuesday it will no longer publish figures on Taliban attacks, a week after acknowledging that its report of a 7 percent decline in attacks last year was actually not a decline. A spokesman for the International Security Assistance Force said Tuesday that its data on attacks will grow increasingly inaccurate as Afghan forces take the lead. (AP)

MOSCOW

3 Arrested in Acid Attack On Bolshoi Art Director

Russian police said Tuesday they arrested three men in an attack that nearly blinded the artistic director of the Bolshoi ballet, including a star dancer suspected of masterminding the plot. Sergei Filin, 42, was left with severe burns after a masked attacker threw sulfuric acid in his face on Jan. 17. (AP)

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP

U.N. Cancels Marathon Over Ban on Women

The United Nations on Tuesday canceled a planned marathon in Gaza after the Palestinian territory's Hamas rulers banned women from participating, in a new attempt by the Islamic militant group to impose its ideology inside the crowded coastal strip. (AP)

Fiery Protests Rage in Egypt

GIANLUIGI GUERCIA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

A POLICE CAR BURNS Monday night in Cairo amid protests and strikes against President Mohammed Morsi. Police battled for a third straight day in Port Said on Tuesday, and Morsi mulled handing the military control of the city.

With Ruling, Runoff Likely in Kenya

Nairobi, Kenya

A slow ballot count in Kenya's presidential vote raised questions Tuesday about the election process, but it was a decision on the more than 325,000 rejected ballots that made it appear likely the election will be decided in a runoff.

Nearly 330,000 ballots have been rejected for not following election rules. But election officials said Tuesday that the so-called spoiled ballots will still count overall.

That makes it very difficult, given the tight race, for either top candidate to reach the 50 percent mark needed to win outright. A runoff election between the top two candidates is expected.

Kenyatta

Odinga

Partial returns Tuesday showed an early lead for Deputy Prime Minister Uhuru Kenyatta, who faces charges at the International Criminal Court, with 53 percent of the vote. That led the camp of candidate Prime Minster Raila Odinga, who has about 42 percent of the vote, to tell supporters that more of their strongholds have yet to be counted from Monday's election. (AP)

2K **The number of locusts** that have crossed into Israel from Egypt this week, raising fears that Israel could be hit with a biblical plague ahead of the Passover holiday, which begins March 25. Locusts can have a devastating effect on agriculture. (AP)

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Metro Averts 3 Suicides

Conductors' quick reactions to people on tracks saves lives

Washington

A Metro train operator applied the emergency brake and was able to stop a train before seriously injuring a man who tried to commit suicide by putting himself on the tracks at the Ballston station in Arlington on Monday, authorities said.

It is the third time in less than a week in which operators have been able to stop a moving train before it hit people on the tracks.

In the Monday-night incident, around 10 p.m., Metro officials said, a 44-year-old man got off the platform at the Ballston station and lay down on the outbound tracks. The operator of an oncoming train hit the emergency brake and was able to stop the train "prior to any serious injury," Metro officials said.

In two other recent incidents, Metro train operators managed to stop their trains without hitting two people who also were trying to commit suicide.

During the Friday-evening rush hour, a woman placed herself on the tracks at the Bethesda station and refused to move after the train stopped in front of her. Metro Transit Police took her into custody, and she was taken to a local hospital.

On Saturday night, a man intentionally put himself on the tracks at Judiciary Square, but the operator was able to stop the train before severely hurting him. The man suffered minor injuries and was taken to a local hospital, Metro officials said.

Metro has tried to stop suicides on its tracks after they spiked a few years ago. The agency is working to train employees on how to help prevent suicides, and it has a hotline for those in need of help.

The number is posted on signs: 1-855-320-LIFE (5433). DANA HEDGPETH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Local

In Brief

MARVIN JOSEPH/TWP

The University of Maryland was ranked favorably in Times Higher Education.

COLLEGE PARK, MD

U.K. Mag Ranks UMd. In Top 100 for Reputation

The U.K.'s Times Higher Education ranked the University of Maryland among the top 100 universities in its "world reputation rankings." Among UMd.'s peers, in a group of schools that the magazine ranked from 91st to 100th, are Monash University in Australia, Lund in Sweden, Bristol in the U.K., the Free University of Berlin and Texas A&M. The list is based on a survey of academics from around the world. (TWP)

ANNAPOLIS, MD

Exception to Death Penalty Bill Rejected

The Maryland Senate narrowly rejected an amendment Tuesday that would have created an exception for people who kill in schools and child-care centers in Gov. Martin O'Malley's bill to repeal the death penalty. The 24-to-21 defeat clears the way for a final Senate vote on the repeal bill Wednesday. Twenty-seven senators — three more than needed — have said that they intend to vote for the repeal. (TWP)

WASHINGTON

Former D.C. Club Owner To Be Tried for 4th Time

A former D.C. nightclub owner charged with drug conspiracy for allegedly funneling hundreds of kilograms of cocaine into the Washington area from Mexico, will be tried a fourth time. A government prosecutor said Tuesday at a court hearing that Antoine Jones will be retried after a jury couldn't reach a verdict during his third trial. The trial followed a victory for Jones at the Supreme Court. (TWP/AP)

A Brutal Slog to Work

Census: Percentage of 'mega-commuters' 2nd to San Francisco's

Washington

Angela Barber's trek to work is brutally long. She leaves her Hagerstown, Md., home at 5:15 a.m. It usually takes her two hours to drive to her Dupont Circle job. In bad weather, the trip home has taken as long as five hours.

"I can't afford to leave this job, and I can't afford to move," said Barber, 46, who has been making the commute for nine years. "I have a good job, it's just 74 miles from home."

20%

The number of commuters in the region who have a daily commute of one hour or longer each way. And the average commute is creeping up, too, from under 32 minutes in 2000 to 34½ minutes in 2011, when the information was collected.

Barber is one of a growing number of "mega-commuters" whose morning trip to work spans more than 50 miles and 90 minutes, according to new census figures released Monday.

Almost 4 percent of the region's workers are mega-commuters, up from 3.5 percent in 2000, according to census data. That proportion is rivaled by workers in New York City and surpassed, just barely, only by San Francisco.

The commute is excruciating for Akash Jayaprakash. Shortly after 6 a.m., he leaves his home in Cecil County, Md., and drives to the station in Perryville to catch the 6:30 train. After arriving at Union Station shortly after 8 a.m., he hops a Red Line train to get to his Dupont Circle job.

By the time he walks into his office, he has 2½ hours of travel behind him.

"It's literally physically painful to be on the train for that long," said Jayaprakash, 35.

Others make equally long commutes, in reverse.

Brian Benjamin drives 55 miles between his home in Ballston and his construction management job in Frederick, Md. He spends the one-hour trip listening to podcasts.

"Sometimes the drive can be relaxing," said Benjamin, 24. "But the gas prices are killing me." CAROL MORELLO AND MARK BERMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

LINDA DAVIDSON/TWP

Census data show that nearly 4 percent of area workers are mega-commuters, with one-way trips spanning 50 miles and 90 minutes.

Swapping States

The census figures show the degree to which the region's workforce of 3M ripples between jurisdictions.

About 12% of Maryland workers come into the District to work

13% of District workers commute into Maryland.

113,000: The number of workers Maryland sends into Virginia.

68,000: The number of workers Virginia sends into Maryland.

"In many other metro areas, jobs tend to move out to the suburbs, but we've got a lot of white marble buildings downtown, and they aren't leaving."

— **ALAN PISARSKI**, WHO WROTE "COMMUTING IN AMERICA," A REPORT ON COMMUTING PATTERNS AND TRENDS. "YOU HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE EMPLOYED DOWNTOWN AND THEY'RE FORCED TO THE FARTHEST EDGES OF THE REGION ... TO FIND AFFORDABLE HOUSING."

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Mid-day DC 4	8-4-2-2
Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	3-6-4-1
Mid-day D.C. Five	7-2-5-9-5
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.)	7-5-3-8-3

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	2-3-5	Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	6-6-4-1
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	5-3-8	Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	7-8-10-19-33
Mid-day Pick 4	7-1-8-4	Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	1-9-21-24-31

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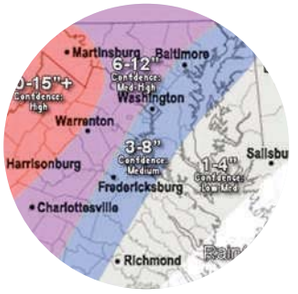

Their Best Guess

The snowfall prediction maps for this storm, as of midday Tuesday, are stratified into bands that show roughly 1-4 inches on the Eastern Shore, 3 to 8 inches (a large margin of error) for the capital proper, 6 to 12 (!) inches in the western and northern suburbs and up to 15 inches along the Blue Ridge. Maybe. Out toward the mountains, you're a lock for a big snowstorm. East of D.C., it's hard to say what'll happen. (TWP)

There's Snow Telling

Washington

With a major storm settling in, Washington sits on the razor's edge, still not knowing whether it will be an epic snowstorm worthy of the name "Snowquester" or just a sloppy, wet, puddle-making mess.

Snow is hard. This is a fact of meteorological life.

A forecaster has to keep track of many variables: The amount of precipitation, the intensity of precipitation, the temperature, the atmospheric structure, the snow/rain line, etc. Any mistake will be exaggerated, and made glaringly obvious to anyone who looks out a window, by the very nature of snow and the way it turns an inch of rain into 10 inches of white stuff (or 6 heavy inches, or 15 or 20 or even 30 powdery inches, depending on the snow's wetness — another variable!).

"You have to get not only the temperature right, but the temperature structure in the atmosphere — how the temperature varies with height," says Cliff Mass, a professor at the University of Washington.

For example, if there's a shallow warm area at the surface — where we walk around and wonder how it could possibly snow — flakes, formed high in the atmosphere, can still make it to the ground, because they need about 1,000 feet of warm air to melt, Mass said.

About the only thing certain about this storm is that the forecasters from the Post's Capital Weather Gang had no choice but to name it Snowquester.

Blame geography. And the Founders. In the debate over the site of the national capital, when this was a young republic, James Madison pointed out that a capital along the Potomac River would require all the northern members of Congress to travel 12,422 miles, collectively, while the southern members would collectively need to journey 12,782 miles. His point was that, contrary to northern fears of a "southern" capital, the Potomac site was pretty much precisely in between.

It's also between the Atlantic Ocean (warm) and the mountains (cold.)

"We straddle the ocean and the Chesapeake Bay. We straddle the Appalachians. We straddle the south and the north," said Chris Vaccaro of the National Weather Service. "We're somewhat in the climatological crosshairs, in various dimensions. At some points, the cold and snow win out, and sometimes the warmer air and rain win out."

We're also straddling seasons. The calendar says we're still in winter, but the weather experts have this notion they call "meteorological spring," which begins March 1. And so it will be a typical spring-like snow — wet and heavy.

It'll also be ephemeral. Warmer weather's coming hard on the heels of this storm. The snow will soon be gone, as if it never actually happened.

JOEL ACHENBACH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

10 inches

The amount of snow Chicago received Tuesday, part of a system that started in Montana, hit the Dakotas and barreled through the Midwest on its way to D.C. (AP)

1.3 inches

The average snowfall in March for the Washington area, according to the Post's Capital Weather Gang. (TWP)

769 days

The number of days, as of Tuesday, that the region's snow drought has lasted, meaning that there hasn't been a snowfall of more than 2 inches. (TWP)

"We are dealing with a heavy, wet, gloppy snow. It has the consistency of wallpaper paste, as opposed to the light, fluffy, powdery snow that you would typically admire on the ski slopes."

— **CHRIS VACCARO,** SPOKESMAN FOR THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, ON WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED SNOW

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Sports

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Georgetown forward Otto Porter Jr. had a game-high 19 points in the Hoyas' 63-47 victory over Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., on Jan. 21.

It All Started With Win Over Irish

Beating Notre Dame on the road spurred Hoyas' 11-win streak

Hoyas Hoops

Georgetown's 11-game winning streak began in January with a victory at Notre Dame. Should the fifth-ranked Hoyas make it 12 straight Wednesday at Villanova, they will earn no less than a share of the program's first Big East regular-season title since the 2007-08 season.

After overcoming their 0-2 start in conference play with back-to-back victories, the Hoyas (23-4, 13-3) lost to a South Florida team that would drop its next 10 games. Less than 48 hours after the loss, Georgetown faced No. 24 Notre Dame. With Louisville on deck,

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starting 2-5 in Big East play was a real possibility.

"We didn't come home at all after South Florida. We went straight to Notre Dame," junior Nate Lubick said. "We had a really, really tough practice that day at Notre Dame. You could kind of feel something coming together. I knew we were really going to play well at Notre Dame."

Play well they did, throttling the Irish 63-47 — Notre Dame's lowest scoring output of the season. The victory also foreshadowed Georgetown's winning formula: a dominant Otto Porter Jr., stingy defense and contributions from role players when needed.

Meanwhile ...

Big East football schools will get almost all of a $110 million pot in a deal that will allow seven departing basketball schools, including Georgetown, to keep the name Big East and start playing in their own conference next season, a person familiar with the negotiations says. The basketball schools will receive $10 million, the Big East name and the right to play their conference tournament at Madison Square Garden. **(AP)**

"I think that really set the mark for us going forward," Lubick said.

With only two games remaining, Georgetown sits a half-game ahead of eighth-ranked Louisville and one game up on No. 15 Marquette in the Big East. The Hoyas have already clinched a double-bye into the quarterfinals of next week's conference tournament.

"I think we matured very well after that South Florida game," Porter said. "Just to play at Notre Dame was big for us. ... I think we definitely came together and bonded well, and we went on from there."

Over his past three games, Porter has averaged 27.6 points, 7.0 rebounds and 3.3 steals while shooting 58.1 percent from the field (25-for-43) and 56.3 (9-for-16) from beyond the 3-point line.

In order to keep the winning streak alive, the Hoyas must focus on a hungry Villanova (18-12, 9-8) squad that's trying to secure an NCAA tournament at-large bid.

"It feels good to be at this point, but now we have to go out and do it," coach John Thompson III said. "Both teams are playing for something." BENJAMIN STANDIG (FOR EXPRESS)

Another All-Sports Network: Fox says its new sports cable network will launch Aug. 17. The network said Tuesday that Fox Sports 1, converted from Speed TV, will be in 90 million homes. The company has rights to college basketball and football, NASCAR, soccer and UFC for the channel. Starting in 2014, FS1 will start broadcasting Major League Baseball games. Regis Philbin, left, will host a weekday sports talk show for the network. (AP)

In Brief

DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Kurt Suzuki, left, is congratulated after scoring a run in Tuesday's win.

MLB SPRING TRAINING

Soriano Makes His Debut As Nats Beat Astros 7-1

Rafael Soriano threw a scoreless inning of relief in his debut with Washington and the Nationals beat the Houston Astros 7-1 on Tuesday. Soriano signed a two-year, $28 million contract in January to become the Nationals' new closer. The right-hander faced three batters in the seventh and struck out one. Danny Espinosa had two hits and two RBIs for Washington. Dan Haren gave up a run in three innings in his second spring start. (AP)

GOLF

McIlroy Tells SI Leaving Course Was a Mistake

Rory McIlroy says he should have finished his second round at the Honda Classic last week, telling Sports Illustrated that "it was not the right thing to do" to walk out after eight holes. McIlroy was 7-over for the round and headed toward another missed cut when he hit his second shot into the water on the 18th and abruptly withdrew without finishing the hole. (AP)

TV Lineup

COLLEGE HOOPS (8 P.M., CBSSN) After dismantling Butler 84-52, No. 21 VCU faces rival Richmond. The Rams are a game back of No. 16 St. Louis for the Atlantic 10 lead.

NBA (9 P.M., ESPN) Even without Tony Parker, the Spurs won their last two games by a combined 67 points. San Antonio hosts the Bulls next.

Sports

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Seniors James Padgett, left, and Logan Aronhalt will be honored before Maryland's game vs. North Carolina on Wednesday.

A Ho-Hum Senior Night

Maryland role players Padgett, Aronhalt face final home game

Terps Hoops

Senior night in a college basketball arena can be an emotional affair. There's a framed jersey for the player, maybe flowers for his mother. Maybe tears for both.

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Fans stand and clap and thank the cadre of departing seniors for all their efforts in the home team's uniform. But senior night will be a bit subdued Wednesday in College Park when Maryland (20-9, 8-8 ACC) hosts North Carolina (21-8, 11-5).

Most of the Terps' roster is old enough to vote but too young to drink. There are only two seniors — James Padgett and Logan Aronhalt — and neither are among the team's key players.

During Padgett's freshman season in 2010, Maryland's senior night was one for the ages. It was the last game for Greivis Vasquez, Eric Hayes and Landon Milbourne. The Terps upset fourth-ranked Duke and went on to claim a share of the ACC regular-season title. Fans stormed the court and the future seemed limitless.

"James has been here," coach Mark Turgeon said. "He was on the championship team when he first got here. Didn't play a lot. He experienced some thrills. The last two years, his sophomore and junior year, haven't gone great."

Padgett's senior year hasn't been so great, either. His playing time has diminished, as has his scoring and rebounding. Late last month, with the season at a critical point, Turgeon stripped him and junior Pe'Shon Howard of their roles as co-captains.

Padgett didn't complain. He put his head down and kept playing.

"He's continued to stick with it and gotten better," Turgeon said. "He's a great kid, will graduate. I'd love for him to go out on a good note. If he doesn't play well that night, he's had a great career."

Standing beside Padgett at center court during the pregame festivities will be Aronhalt. The sharpshooting guard transferred to Maryland for his final year of eligibility after playing at Albany. He's scored in double figures six times this season, including a season-high 26 points, making seven of 12 3-pointers, last month at Boston College.

"It's been a one-year deal," Turgeon said. "It's been great for him to be a part of the ACC. He's had a good time with it. You'd like to see him play well, too."

DEREK TURNER (FOR EXPRESS)

Maryland Seniors' 2012-13 Statistics

Logan Aronhalt		James Padgett	
MPG: 13.6	**RPG:** 1.4	**MPG:** 16.9	**RPG:** 3.9
PPG: 6.4	**FG%:** 44.2	**PPG:** 5.6	**FG%:** 58.6
APG: 0.4	**3P%:** 47.7	**APG:** 0.6	**STL:** 0.4

Wizards Working on a Finishing Touch

Washington shows it can win late after struggling all season

Wizards

With Bradley Beal out of action with an ankle injury and the Wizards trailing by four points late in the fourth quarter Sunday against the Philadelphia 76ers, it would have been understandable to see Washington fold.

But the Wizards, and specifically John Wall, responded with a strong closing effort to beat the 76ers.

"You can tell that he had a little more bounce in his step than he did leading up to that," Wizards coach Randy Wittman said of Wall, who had been criticized recently for several poor games. "That's why you stay in the moment."

Wall scored the game's final six points, showing poise and confidence that was missing when the Wizards fumbled away an opportunity to beat the Knicks last Friday.

"My coaches told me I had to be more aggressive in the fourth quarter, especially because I can be a little too passive down the stretch," Wall said. "So I just tried to be more aggressive and take open shots, and I think that's what went down."

The Wizards still have plenty of work to do to become a consistent fourth-quarter team. They are 4-31 when trailing after three periods, and they average just 22.2 points in the fourth, their lowest-scoring quarter.

During crunch time, the Wizards have been plagued either by turnovers or injuries, which was why the game against Philadelphia was so important. Despite the loss of Beal, Wall stepped up and Nene was back in the lineup to provide a veteran presence.

"Anytime you can play down the stretch with your best players, you're going to have better success," Wittman said. "Nene gives us so many different options — playing either off of him in the post or playing in the pick-and-roll. His ability to pass, shoot, score, read the situation is uncanny. He's got great basketball IQ, and anytime he's not in the game, that hurts you."

Washington is likely to get another opportunity to make a fourth-quarter statement Wednesday against a Minnesota team that is just one game better in the win column.

"You never know when that play is going to happen," Wittman said. "You have to stay in the moment no matter how good or bad things are going." ELLIOTT SMITH (FOR EXPRESS)

ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

John Wall scored the last six points in the Wizards' win over the 76ers on Sunday.

Meanwhile...

The NBA announced Tuesday that the Wizards would take part in the league's first-ever game in Brazil when they face the Chicago Bulls on Oct. 12 in Rio de Janeiro. Washington center Nene is Brazilian and represented the country in the Olympics. "I am very proud to represent the Wizards organization and the NBA in my home country of Brazil next October," he said. "I look forward to returning home as a part of the NBA's Global Games." E.S.

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DC PIERSON

One Man's 'Crap'

DC Pierson doesn't know who I am, but he's going to write a rap about me.

The comedian and author, 28, is trying to get his new young adult novel, "Crap Kingdom," onto the New York Times best-seller list, so he's asking fans to pre-order it before Thursday's release date. If you do, he'll write your name into a custom rap song on YouTube (see Crapkingdom.com for details).

By Rudi Greenberg

It's like a reversal of the crowd-funding site Kickstarter: you buy the product, he gives you a personalized reward.

"Crap Kingdom" is about an ordinary teenager who discovers he's the chosen one in a magical kingdom, before realizing that the kingdom he's been chosen for is total crap. Like "Mystery Team," the film Pierson and his sketch group Derrick Comedy (which includes Donald Glover) wrote and starred in, the book puts an imaginative spin on kid-lit tropes.

To further promote the book, he uploaded a 30-minute stand-up special to YouTube for free, as a way to say, "Like my comedy? Buy my book."

I pre-ordered earlier this week and will share my rap when it's ready. I'm just hoping Pierson skips the obvious "Crap Kingdom" tie-in and doesn't rhyme "Rudi" with "doodie."

@ When DC Pierson's rap about Rudi is online, we'll share a link in this space.

The Ducky Bunch

'Duck Dynasty' has more in common with classic sitcoms than reality programming

Television

A&E 10:00

When "Duck Dynasty" returned for its third season last week, it was greeted by an audience of 8.6 million viewers. Pretty good for an A&E reality series about bearded bayou brethren who manufacture duck calls and love to go bird hunting.

Except that's not what "Duck Dynasty" really is. Viewers who have ducked this show thus far, assuming it's just another mocking redneck display on the order of "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo," have it all wrong. And they're missing out.

Nor, by the way, is this a show that has much to do with the duck-call business, nor is it a show that dwells on people killing animals.

Instead, "Duck Dynasty" (airing two half-hours Wednesday at 10 p.m.) is a warm and witty family show that is more akin to a classic sitcom than it is to the likes of "Buckwild."

Typically, an unscripted series aims to jolt and titillate the viewer with the bizarreness of its characters and their weird lifestyle.

By contrast, the backwoods Louisiana setting of "Duck Dynasty" provides colorful trappings for a comfortably eccentric and engaging brood. Watching the Robertsons, you don't look down on them as just a bunch of odd ducks. Instead, you may find yourself wanting to share a Mason jar of sweet tea with this quack pack and join their fun.

ART STREIBER/A&E

Though you do see hunting on "Duck Dynasty," the series is more about what the Robertson family does when they're not working.

On one of last week's episodes, Willie (pictured at right, holding a weight) and wife Korie are looking forward to their high school reunion. Except Willie can't quite fit into the leather jacket Korie bought him only weeks ago, so he tries to shed some bulk.

It's a mission that leads him in various humorous directions including — mortifyingly for this red-blooded male — Korie's yoga class.

On the night of the reunion, Willie slips into his jacket with ease. His weight-loss regime was a success.

8.6M

The viewership for "Duck Dynasty's" third-season premiere, which aired last week on A&E. (AP)

Or was it?

"A great wife saves the receipt," Korie tells viewers — "and takes the jacket back for a bigger size when nobody's looking."

A final twist this perfect is worthy of the meticulously plotted "Modern Family" or "The Cosby Show" in its prime.

Just how "unscripted" is "Duck Dynasty"? It doesn't matter. The ties that bind these characters are true-to-life, and the star quality they exhibit just being themselves can't be faked.

FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

For Serious? Jon Stewart is taking a break from "The Daily Show" to direct his first film. Stewart, who has hosted the Comedy Central show for 14 years, will cede hosting duties to correspondent John Oliver for eight weeks this summer, Deadline reports. The dramatic film "Rosewood," which Stewart wrote, is based on BBC journalist Maziar Bahari's memoir "Then They Came for Me," which details his 2009 arrest by the Iranian government. (EXPRESS)

Kennedy, Off-Center

The performing arts hub embraces hip-hop as part of its diverse 2013-14 offerings

Stage

When named alongside Patti LuPone, Mandy Patinkin and Renee Fleming, the Queensbridge rapper Nas stands out as a this-is-not-like-the-others musical talent. Indeed, the presence of an at-once pioneering and controversial rapper at the top of the Kennedy Center's 2013-14 season announcement signals that the center is welcoming genres it sometimes ignores.

On Tuesday, the Kennedy Center highlighted its jazz, dance, theater and international festivals for the 2013-2014 season, as well as the programming for the National Symphony Orchestra and the Washington National Opera. Although the programming included many of the usual suspects— violinist Joshua Bell, perennial runs of the Mariinsky Ballet — a week-long salute to hip-hop, an international theater festival and a tribute to Cuban jazz legend Arturo Sandoval indicate that the center is continuing its push to bring diverse audiences to its marble-encased halls.

GETTY IMAGES

The Kennedy Center's 2013-14 season features Nas, left, Renee Fleming, center, and Patti LuPone and Mandy Patinkin, right.

> **"We've always felt the need to address the interests of a wide range of people. Hip-hop will certainly draw in a younger audience."**
>
> — **MICHAEL KAISER,** PRESIDENT OF THE KENNEDY CENTER

"We've always felt the need to address the interests of a wide range of people," says Michael Kaiser, president of the Kennedy Center. "Hip-hop will certainly draw in a younger audience. We've had hip-hop here before but never as our own festival."

"One Mic: Hip-Hop Culture Worldwide" will open with Nas rapping with musicians from the National Symphony Orchestra on music from his classic 1994 debut album "Illmatic."

Nas and the NSO Pops: It's certainly an unusual partnership, but it illustrates a broader theme in the season that runs through the dance, theater and classical programming. The center seems set on merging disciplines in its concert hall. It has even named one of the National Symphony Orchestra's latest commissions "New Moves: Symphony + Dance."

The International Theater Festival is another first. The theater-specific festival brings directors together from across the globe to highlight what Kaiser calls "innovative theater."

But for a season of musical fusion and boundary pushing, there are still relatively tame showings of "The Lion King" to appease traditionalists.

In all things, moderation.

The centerpiece of the theater season is the Kennedy Center's revival of "Side Show," the first major run of the Broadway show since its opening in 1997. (THE WASHINGTON POST/AP)

Season Highlights

Here's a sample of what to expect from the Kennedy Center's 2013-14 season. Visit Kennedy-center.org for dates and details:

- "One Mic: Hip-Hop Culture Worldwide," with Nas and the NSO Pops, and a show by rapper K'naan.
- "American Voices," a three-day festival led by opera star Renee Fleming, which will examine the different ways Americans sing.
- Washington National Opera celebrates the bicentennials of Richard Wagner and Giuseppe Verdi, staging Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde" and Verdi's "Forza del Destino."
- "New Moves: Symphony + Dance," a two-week festival combining new musical works with newly commissioned choreography.
- "Blue Note at 75, the Concert": Norah Jones and Cassandra Wilson celebrate the iconic label. (TWP/AP)

Today's Top Stops

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1 Story Time!

"The Canterbury Tales," the iconic medieval work in which characters tell fantastical stories, depends on multiple voices trying to one-up one another. Pointless Theatre Co.'s adaptation, "Canterbury," uses makeshift puppets and eight playwrights to capture the necessary diversity. ***Mead Theatre Lab at Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; through Saturday (final show sold out), $20; Pointlesstheatre.com. (Gallery Place)***

2 Love Is All You Need

If music be the food of love, Sousou and Maher Cissoko are going to be just fine. The married couple have fused their very different home cultures in the music they make together — she's all Swedish folk, he's all Senegalese traditionalism — and somehow it just melds perfectly, the way marriages (and fusion music) are supposed to. ***Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Wed., 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)***

3 Adolescent Angst

The struggle to make musical theater appealing to the young has taken some bad roads — "Glee," for example. But "Spring Awakening," a rowdy rock piece about 1890s teenagers negotiating sex, is a step in the right direction — and Olney's production does it justice. ***Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; through Sun., $48.50-$63.50; 301-924-3400, Olneytheatre.org.***

Washington Book Club

Two former reporters write debut novels about women trying to launch D.C. careers

Books

In "The List," Karin Tanabe, left, skewers digital media sites. Dana Bate, right, shows a different side of D.C. life in "The Girls' Guide to Love and Supper Clubs."

From the White House correspondents' dinner to the Hay-Adams Hotel to the Museum of American History, two former journalists celebrate and skewer capital living in their first novels. Both feature young women trying to launch careers in a city thirsty for scandal.

In Karin Tanabe's "The List" ($15, Washington Square), Adrienne Brown gives up a cushy job and free couture at Town & Country magazine to live in her parents' barn in Virginia, start work at 5 a.m. and grind out 10 online posts a day as a style reporter at the Capitolist — known as the "List."

Tanabe, a former Politico reporter whose work has also appeared in The Washington Post, gleefully skewers digital media sweatshops.

Despite its breezy, chick-lit tone, "The List" has more in common with newsroom satires. When Adrienne asks why everyone at the Capitolist is so young, her colleague replies: "Because old people are not stupid enough to do these jobs. Nor do they have enough energy."

Hannah Sugarman, the heroine of Dana Bate's "The Girls' Guide to Love and Supper Clubs" ($14.99, Hyperion) will be immediately familiar to anyone who has read Jennifer Weiner or Helen Fielding. Hannah toils by day at D.C.'s Institute for Research and Discourse (IRD), amusingly nicknamed NIRD, but she really loves to cook. Her professor mother didn't blaze a feminist trail for her daughter to don an apron, so Hannah spends her days

surreptitiously looking up recipes online when she should be researching economic theory.

Relegated to an air mattress in a basement apartment and in danger of losing her despised job, Hannah finds new purpose when a friend urges her to create an underground supper club. But since no one is going to pay money to eat in Hannah's apartment, she "borrows" her landlord's gorgeous home while he's out of town — as well as his dining room table, stove, china and $150-a-bottle Macallan. Even when it becomes apparent that Hannah's scheme could lead her from kitchen to jail if her landlord finds out, she's having too much fun to quit.

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Do not read this book hungry. If Bate, a former broadcast journalist for PBS's "Nightly Business Report," served every book buyer a slice of Hannah's carrot cake with caramelized pecan filling, toasted coconut and cream cheese frosting, she'd have the best-seller of the year.

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travel lookout

Travel Assistants

A host of new sites offer steep discounts for your hotel stays

Advice

When Amy Eisen originally booked a weeklong vacation to celebrate her 30th anniversary, she was looking at a $3,749 hotel bill.

But Eisen reserved her room at the all-inclusive Sanctuary Cap Cana in the Dominican Republic through a new travel site, Tingo.com. Each day, the site automatically checked to see whether the hotel lowered its price for the nights Eisen was staying there. Eventually, the price fell. Tingo canceled Eisen's original reservation and rebooked her at the new, lower rate, saving her $1,874.

"I would not have considered that you could continue to ask: Are there any discounts? Are there any discounts? Are there any discounts?" said the Wynnewood, Pa., psychologist. "I don't think most people would. You book it and think this is the best price I can get."

Tingo is one of a growing number of services that aim to save travelers money on their hotel stays.

The site, which is owned by TripAdvisor, says that travelers have a 20 percent chance of getting at least some money back. The typical rebate is $50, according to the company, but occasionally travelers get much more.

Tingo isn't the only site changing the way travelers book. A host of new apps are offering steep discounts on hotel stays, particularly last-minute bookings.

HotelTonight offers discounted rooms at more than 2,000 hotels via its iPhone and Androids apps. Each day at noon local time, a slate of rooms is released for each of the 80 cities it currently serves. There are luxury hotels, hip hotels and those categorized as "solid" or "basic."

A recent search turned up the Bryant Park Hotel in New York. HotelTonight said a room there should cost $345 but was offering it for $239. (A check of the hotel's own website showed $285 as the lowest rate.) Two hours later, the room was being offered for $199.

Through its iPhone and Android apps and its mobile site, Priceline is now offering "Tonight-Only Deals." The service covers approximately 150 cities and towns around the U.S. on a typical evening. It only applies to three- and four-star hotels. Offers start to post at 11 a.m and rooms can be booked until 11 p.m. local time, or until they sell out.

But as with all travel deals, make sure to shop around. Rates aren't always cheaper on these apps. For instance, HotelTonight was offering a room at Caesars Atlantic City for $49 a night, down from the regular rate of $62 for that night. However, a quick visit to the hotel's website found a room for $39 thanks to an online promotion that was being automatically applied to all bookings.

SCOTT MAYEROWITZ (AP)

DISCUSSIONS

Flight Crew

I'm looking to book a tour to somewhere in Southeast Asia. We are a family of four — two adults and two kids ages 9 and 12.

You can still easily travel around Burma by plane and private driver. Your kids, though, must love temples and giant Buddha sculptures. Thailand might be best for first-timers and kids. Bangkok is crazy fun with its floating market, mega-malls, outdoor food vendors and temples. And of course, Vietnam is also incredible, and your kids can learn about the war in the best classroom ever.

Given the forecast I am desperate for a long weekend on some warm weather beach but Florida airfares are insane.

JetBlue flies direct from Reagan to San Juan, Puerto Rico. It's cheaper if you fly on a Monday, though.

Do you have recommendations for a car service that will do round trip to Dulles from D.C.? I see coupon deals but none of the companies seem all that great.

I give five stars to Washington Flyer and have also heard good reviews about Affordable Sedan Service.

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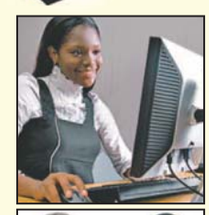

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"Get your priorities in order, Iran. You need more than snipers; you need to throw the whole Revolutionary Guard into this war or wars."

—**CHARLES MUDEDE AT SLOG.THESTRANGER.COM** remarks on an International Business Times story that says Tehran has deployed snipers to deal with droves of rats that weigh 11 pounds as a result of a mutation from radiation.

"Maryland boy suspended for chewing a pastry into shape of a gun. Insane."

—**@GRAYHOODIE** reacts to a story about a 7-year-old Anne Arundel County boy who was suspended for two days from school for chewing a breakfast pastry into the shape of a gun and saying, "Bang, bang."

"D'Angelo offered one last moment of sweetness that would, in all likelihood, hold us over until then. The ravenous beckonings of the audience brought the two back to the stage for an encore of Brown Sugar's 'Lady.' The house lights came up and a dazed audience filed into the street like they had just seen a ghost."

—**CORBAN GOBLE AT PITCHFORK.COM** describes the end of the soul singer's concert with drummer Questlove Monday night at Brooklyn Bowl in Williamsburg.

"[It] will be very interesting to see if Fox Sports 1 attempts a relaunch of the National Sports Report. #longlivevanearlwright."

—**@AWFULANNOUNCING** looks back fondly on Van Earl Wright, who used to host FSN Final Score in the days of Fox Sports Net. Tuesday, Fox announced its plans to launch an all-sports network in August.

"Also ban 'searing' in book description unless it is a book about cooking delicious BBQ."

—**@EMILYGOULD** is tired of hearing that word misused in the world of literary criticism.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Despite your well-structured arguments against such a thought, it may be time for you to step aside and let someone else show you how it's done.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be trying to grab at a prize that is not yours at this time. Soon you'll realize you were meant for different things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may not be able to decipher someone else's private code — but if you pay attention to silent signals you'll get what you need.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's never too late for you to try a new idea on a willing guinea pig. You can afford to be a little more daring.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's a good day for you to assert yourself creatively. By focusing on what you can make, you'll remain enthusiastic and positive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may wake to find that things are not as you had anticipated — and your support system has undergone a few changes, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You have the ability to put others in a better mood — provided you are in a good mood yourself. Today this may not be the case!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You know how to tell someone else the truth today without hurting his or her feelings. In the end, your efforts will be appreciated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Solitude may be what you want today, but it's not necessarily what you need. You may be able to satisfy both desire and necessity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll know who should be taking the lead very soon after getting started today. If it's not you, then be sure to remain positive and helpful.

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PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 204

								RACK 1
E1	I1	Y4	L1	N1	D2	S1		
								RACK 2
E1	I1	O1	U1	D2	T1	W4	3rd Letter Triple	
								RACK 3
E1	E1	O1	V4	V4	G2	L1		
								RACK 4
E1	U1	D2	S1	S1	T1	L1	Double Word Score	

Yesterday's Solution

B3	I1	O1	T1	I1	C3		RACK 1 =	10
H4	E1	R1	O1	I1	Z10	E1	RACK 2 =	107
P3	R1	O1	U1	D2	E1	R1	RACK 3 =	63
I1	N1	B3	O1	A1	R1	D2	RACK 4 =	60
PAR SCORE 145-155							TOTAL	240

FOUR RACK TOTAL _____

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Sudoku

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			9		7		1	6
				8		9		
	5	4		3			8	
		3		1		8		9
		7	5	9	2	1		
2		9		4		5		
	8			7		6	5	
		5		6				
4	9		1		5			

Yesterday's Solution

6	2	3	1	8	7	9	5	4
5	4	1	9	6	3	8	7	2
9	7	8	5	2	4	6	3	1
2	5	6	7	9	1	3	4	8
7	8	4	2	3	6	5	1	9
1	3	9	4	5	8	2	6	7
3	1	2	6	7	9	4	8	5
4	6	5	8	1	2	7	9	3
8	9	7	3	4	5	1	2	6

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS

Forecast

36 | 33

Today: Heavy snow will accumulate 4-8 inches today through this evening.

45 | 32

Tomorrow: Clouds giving way to some sun tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

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47 | 34	53 | 36	57 | 44

Sun and Moon
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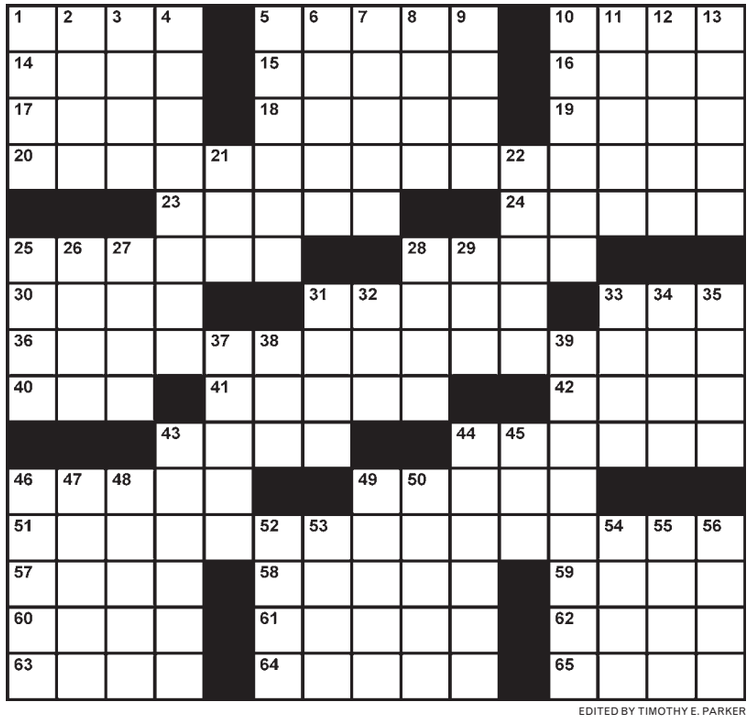

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ACROSS
1 Red meat
5 What stealth planes avoid
10 Sleeve end
14 Abbr. curtailing a list
15 Susan Lucci role
16 Biblical brother
17 What's chopped in a chop shop
18 Change, as from two lanes to three
19 ___ contendere
20 Flares, e.g.
23 Arm of the sea
24 Itsy-bitsy bits
25 Like skinny-dippers
28 Flair
30 Convince
31 Chef's garment
33 Famous square?
36 Annual Baltimore race
40 Mama porker
41 Avian home on a hill
42 Comedian's visual
43 Post-sandwich sandwich cookie
44 Tedious rundown
46 Venue for big crowds
49 Raccoon resembler
51 Thing on some mail
57 Shrek's one
58 Slow-moving lemur
59 Eurasia-dividing range
60 Carrot or turnip, e.g.
61 Filled with joy, to a bard
62 Fraught with danger
63 Makes a miscalculation
64 Way-out swingers?
65 "First Lady of Song" Fitzgerald

DOWN
1 Bit of condensation
2 Bag for small articles
3 Puts away the dishes?
4 Naval formation
5 Fix over, as a pipe joint
6 Pop up, as a question
7 Performed, in the Bible
8 One-spot cards
9 Bombay royal
10 Heavy artillery weapon
11 Certain torpedo launcher
12 Guy, informally
13 It may get food away from a canine
21 "Messenger" compound
22 California baseballer
25 Express Mail org.
26 Wolfe the sleuth
27 Ball of thread
28 It's heard in the Highlands
29 ___ Alamitos, Calif.
31 Prefix for "sol" or "space"
32 Letters on a radial tire
33 Gumbo pod
34 Big-city light type
35 Get a glimpse of
37 Gold purity unit
38 Word before a maiden name
39 Natural talent
43 Beginnings
44 Bonnie ones
45 "___ Greek to me"
46 Prefix for "mentioned"
47 Severity
48 "Trial" partner
49 Monte ___ (Monaco region)
50 Tree that provides wickers
52 Opposite of 25-Across
53 Corporation emblem
54 Jacket for a seed
55 Loamy fertilizer
56 "Give me another chance," e.g.

Yesterday's Solution

TODAY IN HISTORY

1836 The Alamo in San Antonio falls to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege.

1857 The U.S. Supreme Court rules in Dred Scott v. Sandford that Scott, a slave, was not an American citizen and could not sue for his freedom in federal court.

1912 Oreo sandwich cookies are first introduced by the National Biscuit Co.

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DATING

Will Smith Is Already Sick Of Bruce Jenner's Texts

Kylie Jenner, the 15-year-old daughter of Bruce and Kris Jenner, is dating Jaden Smith, the 14-year-old son of Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith, a source tells Us Weekly. The "Karate Kid" actor and the "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" star were recently spotted in London. "They've been friends forever," the source says. (EXPRESS)

STANCES

She Gets the Standing-Up-For-Equality Merit Badge

Carly Rae Jepsen is canceling her performance at the Boy Scouts of America Jamboree because of the scouts' ban on gays. Jepsen said Tuesday on Twitter that "as an artist who believes in equality for all people" she's pulling out of the July gathering in West Virginia. The event, held once every four years, is expected to draw more than 45,000. (AP)

JOEL RYAN/INVISION/AP

Carly Rae Jepsen tells the Boy Scouts to think twice before calling her again.

Victims

At That Age, All It Takes Is a Hug

Sidelined for six weeks by chickenpox and a concussion, Barbara Walters returned to ABC's "The View" on Monday. The likely cause of her chickenpox outbreak? Hugging a well-known actor who had shingles. She wouldn't tell viewers who it was, but sources tell the New York Daily News that it was actor Frank Langella. (AP/EXPRESS)

JOEL RYAN/AP

Justin Bieber flew to his show on the wings of an angel, who was running late.

APOLOGIES

Teenage Nightmare

Justin Bieber apologized to his young fans — and their outraged parents — after they accused him of taking the stage inconsiderately late for a concert in London. The singer claimed he had only been 40 minutes behind schedule and blamed "technical issues." Concertgoers said he appeared onstage at the 02 Arena on Monday at 10:30 p.m., almost two hours after the anticipated start time, causing some to leave early. "There were teenage girls crying outside," said Louise Cooper, who took her 9-year-old daughter to the gig. (AP)

REALITY TV

'I'm Totally Going to Be Bros With Kanye West Now!'

Brody Jenner is joining the cast of "Keeping Up With the Kardashians." The E! network says the 29-year-old son of Bruce Jenner will appear on the eighth season of the popular reality show. "The Hills" star has made cameo appearances on the program before. He said Monday that he's looking forward to "getting to know [his] extended family a little better." (AP)

"If you want some big revelation, since 2010 I've dated exactly two people."

— TAYLOR SWIFT, RESPONDING TO RUMORS ABOUT HER DATING LIFE, IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF VANITY FAIR. THE TWO PEOPLE ARE CONOR KENNEDY AND ONE DIRECTION'S HARRY STYLES.

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